



**The PTCAS application for the Summer 2022 cohort (June) will open on July 5, 2021. [www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org)**

### **Utica College Doctor of Physical Therapy Information Page**

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Thank you for your interest in Utica College for your physical therapy education.

We pride ourselves on being a small, personalized and effective program dedicated to providing excellent education and training to our PT students. Our success can be measured by talking with any of the hundreds of UC PT alumni who live and work throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

Before you apply, please review the information below. **We are a highly competitive program and have specific requirements.** If after reading this you have any further questions about the program, please contact John Rowe [jrowe@utica.edu](mailto:jrowe@utica.edu) or Lynn Cope [lcope@utica.edu](mailto:lcope@utica.edu) in the Graduate Admissions Office at (315) 792-3010.

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## **Because Utica College has its own 3+3 program for PT, There Are Limited Number of Seats for External Applicants**

Utica College is a “guaranteed freshman admit” school for PT which means that several seats in our 36 seat cohort are taken up by our own internal students who were accepted as freshmen and have met continuation requirements. The remaining seats are filled from a pool of external applicants who apply through PTCAS.

**Normally we have approximately 10 to 20 seats to fill from PTCAS external applicants.** We also maintain a wait list that expires at the beginning of the cohort start each year (mid-June).

## **Utica College Undergraduates Interested In Applying**

***Utica College undergraduates with a health studies major or a biology major*** apply as external candidates through the PTCAS application process. They are considered as external candidates and compete for seats with applicants from other schools. However, we want to give our qualified Utica College undergraduates an opportunity to enter the DPT program. **Therefore, we strongly encourage UC undergraduates to apply as soon as the PTCAS application opens on July 5<sup>th</sup> so that their application will be verified in 4 to 6 weeks.**

## **The PTCAS Centralized Application Service**

Utica College uses the PTCAS Centralized Application Service through the American Physical Therapy Association. The application portal opens in July each year. ([www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org)) **You may apply for the Summer 2022 cohort by going to the PTCAS site when it opens on July 5, 2021. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2022. Because of the significant number of applications we receive each year, you should apply as early as possible.**

You may apply to several colleges using a single PTCAS application. However, please keep in mind that you must pay a fee for each school you send your application to. That is why it is important to meet or be working toward meeting all Utica College criteria before applying.

**Note: Utica College and the Graduate Admissions Office will only consider those PTCAS applications that meet our application criteria and are VERIFIED in PTCAS.**

## **What Is Verification?**

Verification through the PTCAS system is a way of verifying all college grades entered into a PTCAS application. In PTCAS, applicants will enter each grade taken, along with the course name, course prefix and number and number of credits for each course. Applicants will then request official transcripts from all schools attends which need to be sent directly to the PTCAS centralized processing office in Watertown, MA.

Applicants will need to put significant time into preparing their application. A completed, verified PTCAS application is approximately 36 to 40 pages long. Graduate admissions recommends that you begin your

application as soon as it opens on July 5. Verification normally takes an average of 4 to 6 weeks to be completed.

Once an application is verified, it will appear on the dashboard used by graduate admissions.

## Application Deadline

**The deadline to apply for the Utica College DPT program cohort that begins in June 2022 is April 15, 2022.** However, waiting until late in the application cycle to apply will most likely place qualified candidates on the waitlist.

## Minimum GPA To Apply

You must have an OVERALL GPA of 3.2 or higher to apply.

**While you may apply with a 3.2, please understand that the average GPA of accepted students is usually higher.** For example, the recent cohort that started in Summer 2021 (Class of 2024) had an average overall GPA of 3.5.

## Prerequisites and minimum grades

Utica College requires that **ten prerequisites** be met successfully by June 1, 2022. You may apply through PTCAS while you complete these prerequisites.

Prerequisite courses that **require a grade of B- or better** (a B- or better is required in both lecture and lab).

- A&P 1 with lab
- A&P 2 with lab
- An upper level Biology (at the 300 or 400 level)
- College Physics 1 with lab
- College Physics 2 with lab
- College Chemistry 1 with lab
- Either College Chemistry 2 with lab or Organic Chemistry with lab

Note: While B-'s are acceptable for science prerequisites, candidates must also have a minimum Science GPA of 3.0 as configured in the PTCAS application.

A student may repeat no more than two prerequisite science courses and any prerequisite science course may be repeated only once.

Remaining prerequisites - A minimum grade of C or better in each of the major or major related required courses (a grade of C- is NOT an acceptable grade)

- Two psychology courses (any course with a psychology prefix)
- Statistics

We understand that your school may have different course titles. If you are unsure if a course at your

school meets the Utica College prerequisite requirements, please email a copy of the course description, name and number to John Rowe ([jrowe@utica.edu](mailto:jrowe@utica.edu)) or Lynn Cope ([lcope@utica.edu](mailto:lcope@utica.edu)) in Graduate Admissions for review.

**Very Important:**

- Only one retake of the seven science prerequisites in order to earn a B- or better is allowed for our program. Retaking a prerequisite science course twice will disqualify your application.
- You are only allowed to retake two prerequisite science courses one time (each). A retake of more than three science prerequisites will disqualify your application.
- Successful completion of all prerequisites does NOT constitute a guarantee of acceptance

**Utica College DOES NOT Require the GRE or Any Other Graduate Examination for Consideration**

**NOTE: OBSERVATION HOURS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR UTICA COLLEGE STARTING WITH THE 2021-22 PTCAS APPLICATION CYCLE.**

### **Interviews For Selected Candidates**

Faculty normally conduct virtual interviews between October and April. We normally interview between 40 and 50 applicants for each cohort.

During your interview, it is important to be able to clearly explain why you want to be a PT, what you have learned through clinical observations of practicing PT's and what motivated you to prepare yourself to enter a graduate PT program.

**Utica College has a three-year program that includes three summers.**

The course and clinical schedule is as follows, starting in mid-June:

## **Academic Requirements (112 Credit Hours)**

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Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy: Course Sequence

### **Summer 1: (7 credits)**

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- [DPT 561 - Professional Development I: Introduction to Physical Therapy \(1\)](#)
- [DPT 564 - Human Gross Anatomy \(0,6\)](#)

### **Fall 1: Foundations of Physical Therapy (16 credits)**

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- [DPT 582 - Clinical Sciences Foundation \(3\)](#)
  - [DPT 584 - Movement Science \(3\)](#)
  - [DPT 586 - Examination/Evaluation \(0,4\)](#)
  - [DPT 587 - Interventions \(0,4\)](#)
  - [DPT 588 - Prevention, Health Promotion and Wellness \(1\)](#)
  - [DPT 589 - Caring for the Community I \(1\)](#)

## **Spring 1: Patient Management: Musculoskeletal System (16 credits)**

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- [DPT 591 - Professional Development II \(2\)](#)
- [DPT 592 - Clinical Sciences: Musculoskeletal System \(3\)](#)
- [DPT 593 - Case Analysis Musculoskeletal \(2\)](#)
- [DPT 595 - Evidence in Clinical Practice I \(2\)](#)
- [DPT 596 - Examination/Evaluation of the Musculoskeletal System \(0,3\)](#)
- [DPT 597 - Interventions for the Musculoskeletal System \(0 to 3\)](#)
- [DPT 599 - Caring for the Community II \(1\)](#)

## **Summer 2: Neuroanatomy and Clinical Education I (10 credits)**

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- [DPT 654 - Neuroscience \(0,4\)](#)
- [DPT 659 - Clinical Education I \(6\)](#)

## **Fall 2: Patient Management: Neuromuscular System (16 credits)**

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- [DPT 682 - Clinical Sciences: Neuromuscular \(3\)](#)
- [DPT 683 - Case Analysis: Neuromuscular \(2\)](#)
- [DPT 684 - Motor Development, Learning and Control \(2\)](#)
- [DPT 685 - Evidence in Clinical Practice II \(2\)](#)
- [DPT 686 - Neuromuscular System I \(0,3\)](#)
- [DPT 687 - Neuromuscular Systems II: Adults \(0,3\)](#)
- [DPT 689 - Caring for the Community III \(1\)](#)

## **Spring 2: Patient Management: Additional Systems (16 credits)**

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- [DPT 692 - Clinical Sciences: Additional Systems \(3\)](#)
- [DPT 693 - Case Analysis: Additional Systems \(2\)](#)
- [DPT 695 - Evidence in Clinical Practice III- Capstone Experience \(2\)](#)
- [DPT 696 - Examination/Interventions: Cardiovascular, Pulmonary and Other Systems \(0,4\)](#)
- [DPT 697 - Examination/Interventions: Integumentary and Other Systems \(0,4\)](#)
- [DPT 699 - Caring for the Community IV \(1\)](#)

## **Summer 3: Patient Management: Multi-Systems (6 credits)**

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- [DPT 751 - Professional Development III \(3\)](#)
- [DPT 753 - Case Analysis- Clinical Decision Making: Multi-System Pathologies \(2\)](#)
- [DPT 756 - Examination/Interventions: Multi-Systems \(1\)](#)

## **Fall 3: Clinical Education (12 credits)**

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- [DPT 779 - Clinical Education II \(12\)](#)

### **Spring 3: Clinical Education - Preparation for Transition to Licensed Professional (13 credits)**

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- [DPT 789 - Clinical Education III \(12\)](#)
- [DPT 799 - Practice Examination and Assessment Tool \(PEAT\) \(1\)](#)

#### **The NPTE**

Graduates are eligible for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) and licensure in all states. Students may take the NPTE only after all program requirements are met. The Utica College Entry Level DPT Program is designed to meet educational requirements intended to prepare students to pursue professional licensure that is required in the U.S. for employment and to practice in the field of Physical Therapy. However, additional requirements for licensure or certification beyond these educational requirements and the NPTE may vary in each state. These additional requirements may include jurisprudence assessment, criminal background check, professional liability insurance or other non-educational requirements. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the requirements in the state in which they intend to seek licensure.

The Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) provides some great resources for such requirements that can be reviewed using this link "Licensure Reference Guide" or visiting [www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org). Additionally, FSBPT also maintains a list of licensing boards' contact information. However, this list does not include American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, or Guam.



